DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

2006 Legislative Session

B. BILLS BY DCA BOARDS. BUREAUS. & PROGRAMS

(1) ACCOUNTANCY

AB 1868 Bermudez

Accountancy: Licensure

Enacted Chapter 458

Extends the January 1, 2006, operative date and revises the requirements for the practice privilege program under which foreign and out-of-state accountants and accounting firms must obtain a California permit or registration prior to practicing in this state, to January 1, 2011.

SB 503 Figueroa

Accountants: Peer Review

Enacted Chapter 447

Extends to September 1, 2011, the final submission date for the Board of Accountancy's report and recommendation on the implementation of the peer review program.

(2) ACUPUNCTURE

AB 2152 Chan

Acupuncture: Practice by Health Care Professionals

Failed in Assembly Business & Professions Committee

Would have removed the exception in current law that allows physicians and surgeons, dentists and podiatrists to practice acupuncture without obtaining an acupuncture license.

AB 2821 Huff

California Asian Medicine Board

Failed in
Senate
Business,
Professions, &
Economic
Development
Committee

Would have changed the name of the California Acupuncture Board to the California Asian Medicine Board.

SB 412 Figueroa

Massage Therapy Organization

Failed on the Assembly Floor

Would have provided for the certification of massage practitioners and massage therapists by the Massage Therapy Organization (organization), made the organization subject to review by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Consumer Protection, and prohibited a city, county, or other political jurisdiction from enacting or enforcing specified ordinances relating to the practice of massage against an individual who was certified under the provisions of this bill.

(3) ALL BOARDS / BUREAUS / COMMISSIONS / PROGRAMS

AB 1302 Horton, Jerome

Office of Administrative Law: Regulations

Enacted Chapter 713

Revises the current procedures for state agencies to adopt emergency regulations for submittal and approval by the Office of Administrative Law.

AB 2404 Klehs

State Government: Reports: Declarations

Vetoed

Would have required all written reports that are required to be submitted to the Legislature by any state agency, board, or commission, to include a signed statement by the head of that agency, or chair of the board or commission, declaring that the contents of the report are true, accurate, and complete to the best of his/her knowledge, and imposed a fine up to \$20,000 if the head of that agency submitted information he or she knew was false.

AB 2591 Keene

State Agencies: Accounts and Reports

Enacted Chapter 506

Until July 1, 2010, requires specified state agencies to submit to the Department of Finance an annual report on the status of that agency's liquidated and delinquent accounts as of the end of the previous fiscal year and efforts made by the agency to collect on those accounts.

SB 768 Simitian

Identity Information Protection Act of 2006

Vetoed

Would have established interim protections to apply to remotely readable identification documents that are created, mandated, purchased, or issued by government entities.

SB 1452 Speier

State Audits

Enacted Chapter 452

Requires state agencies to conduct their audits under the specific standards described by the Institute of Internal Auditors or the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and provides that those agencies with an aggregate spending budget of \$50 million shall consider establishing an audit function.

SB 1852 Judiciary Committee

Maintenance of the Codes

Enacted Chapter 538

Makes numerous technical changes in the California codes that have been recommended by the Office of Legislative Counsel.

(4) ARCHITECTS

AB 2914 Leno

Limited Liability Partnerships: Architecture

Enacted Chapter 426

Among other things, extends the sunset date of January 1, 2007, for architecture limited liability partnerships (LLP) and foreign LLPs to January 1, 2012.

(5) ATHLETIC COMMISSION

SB 1397 Lowenthal

Athletic Trainers: Registration

Vetoed

Would have prohibited, on and after July 1, 2007, a person from representing themself as an "athletic trainer," "certified athletic trainer," "registered athletic trainer," or other variation of these terms, unless that person was registered as an athletic trainer by an athletic training organization pursuant to the provisions of this bill, and provided that a violation of this prohibition would have been an unfair business practice.

(6) AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

AB 226 Bermudez

Automotive Technology Education Reimbursement

Died in Senate

This urgency bill would have created the Automotive Career and Technical Education Account in the Vehicle Inspection and Repair Fund of the Bureau of Automotive Repair.

Appropriations Suspense

AB 578 Horton. **Shirley**

Air Pollution: Smog Check Repair Stations

Died in

Would have required the Department of Consumer Affairs to, by July 1, 2007, establish a system for reporting the quantities of emissions reductions for each licensed smog check repair station by repairs that have been performed on failing vehicles, and to make that information available to the public.

Senate **Transportation** & Housing Committee

AB 1870 Lieber

Air Pollution: Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance

Enacted Chapter 761

Among other things, requires the Department of Consumer Affairs to adopt regulations to incorporate a visible smoke test into the motor vehicle inspection program by January 1, 2008.

SB 1849 Business.

Professions and Vocations – Automotive Repair

Enacted Chapter 760

Professions & Economic **Development** Estate. Committee

Makes technical and clarifying updates to existing law within the Department of Consumer Affairs, as well as, the Department of Real

(7) BARBERING & COSMETOLOGY

AB 409 Yee

Disciplinary Actions: Suspension

Enacted Chapter 381

Provides that the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology may temporarily suspend any license without advance hearing, pursuant to an inspection of an establishment where health and safety laws have been violated and a citation issued, if in the opinion of the executive officer of the board or other duly authorized employees, that the action is necessary to protect the public health and safety.

AB 861 Bass **Barbering and Cosmetology: Licensure**

Enacted Chapter 411

Requires the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to conduct a study on the effects of current policies and laws on the Board that may create unnecessary barriers to employing people with criminal records and issue probationary licenses to applicants when specific criteria are met.

AB 1793 Bermudez **Barbering and Cosmetology: Threading**

Enacted Chapter 149

Revises the definition of "threading" in the Barbering and Cosmetology Act to include the incidental trimming of eyebrow hair.

SB 1474 Figueroa State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology

Enacted Chapter 253

Extends the sunset date of the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (Board) until July 1, 2008, and requires the Board to annually elect officers from among its members, each of whom would hold office for a term of one year.

(8) BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

AB 1852 Yee Licensed Mental Health Service Provider Education Program

Enacted Chapter 557

Adds certain psychology post-doctoral students, marriage and family therapist interns and associate clinical social workers to the list of mental health service providers eligible to receive educational loan repayments from the Licensed Mental Health Service Provider Education Program.

SB 1475 Business, <u>Healing Arts – Behavioral Sciences</u>

Enacted Chapter 659

Professions Makes no & Economic existing st Development Sciences. Committee

Makes non-substantive technical changes improving the clarity of existing statutes, providing technical cleanup to the Board of Behavioral Sciences.

(9) CEMETERY & FUNERAL

AB 886 Business & Professions Committee **Human Remains: Disposition**

Enacted Chapter 96

States that the right to control the disposition of a decedent's remains begins on the date your right and duty devolves (delegate to a successor or substitute) and not the date of the decedent's death.

AB 2105 Emmerson **Human Remains: Permits: Transportation**

Enacted Chapter 463

Allows for the transportation of human remains, without a death certificate and a permit for disposition, from California to an adjacent state for the disposition in that state if certain circumstances exist.

AB 2796 Mountjoy **Cemeteries: Public Notice**

Enacted Chapter 124

Modifies an existing signage requirement by requiring a cemetery to display a sign at the entrance to the cemetery, with the address of the

Cemetery and Funeral Bureau or a statement informing consumers that the address of the Bureau is available at the office of the cemetery and deletes the requirement that a cemetery must post a notice identifying it as an endowment care cemetery in its sales office or offices.

SB 1490 Ducheny

Cemetery Regulation

Enacted Chapter 401

Requires the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau to adopt regulations that establish minimum standards of maintenance for endowment care cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Bureau.

SB 1849 Business, Professions

Professions and Vocations - Cemetery/Funeral

Enacted Chapter 760

Professions Makes
& Economic Departr
Development Estate.
Committee

Makes technical and clarifying updates to existing law within the Department of Consumer Affairs, as well as, the Department of Real

(10) CONTRACTORS

AB 2073 Matthews

Home Improvement Contract Exemption

Enacted Chapter 114

Exempts the sale, installation, and servicing of a fire alarm, sold in conjunction with a security alarm system, from the home improvement contract requirements if the cost of making the fire alarm operable does not exceed \$500, and other conditions are satisfied.

AB 2456 Nakanishi

Contractors: Licenses

Enacted Chapter 122

Prohibits the personnel of a contractor whose license is suspended due to outstanding financial liabilities, from serving as certain types of personnel for another licensee, and makes employment of such an individual, in certain capacities, cause for license suspension.

AB 2457 Nakanishi

Contractors: Home Improvement Salespersons

Enacted Chapter 106

Exempts from registration as a home improvement salesperson a general partner on the license record of a partnership, and clarifies that certain individuals exempt from registering as home improvement salespersons, must be listed as personnel of record for the licensee responsible for soliciting, negotiating, or contracting for a service or improvement that is subject to regulation, at the time of the sales transaction.

AB 2658 Harman

Contractors: Monetary Obligations

Enacted Chapter 123

Provides that in order for a contractor's license to be issued, reinstated, or reissued, satisfaction of monetary obligation or debt is required only to the extent that those obligations were not discharged, rather than adjudicated, in a bankruptcy proceeding and requires licensees to satisfy all their obligations to the extent that those obligations are not discharged under federal law.

AB 2897 Daucher

Contractors: Revoked Licenses

Enacted Chapter 171

Prohibits a person of record of a revoked license, who meets specified criteria, from performing acts regulated by the Contractors State License Law, for a licensee, except as a bona fide non-supervising employee, and makes it a misdemeanor to violate this section, or for someone to knowingly hire an individual who meets specified criteria, in any position other than a bona fide non-supervising employee.

(11) COURT REPORTERS

AB 1293 Oropeza

Transcript Reimbursement Fund

Enacted Chapter 457

Expands the definition of an indigent person, for the purposes of the Transcript Reimbursement Fund, which provides funding for shorthand reporting services for indigent persons, within the Court Reporters Board.

(12) DENTISTS / DENTAL AUXILIARIES

AB 1334 Salinas

Dentistry: Registered Dental Hygienists

Enacted Chapter 850

Allows a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice to provide services to a patient for up to 18 months without written verification that a dentist or physician and surgeon have examined the patient.

SB 438 Migden

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Enacted Chapter 909

Authorizes an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, licensed as a dentist by the Dental Board, to perform "elective facial cosmetic surgical procedures" as defined, under specified circumstances.

SB 683 Aanestad

Dentistry: Licenses

Enacted Chapter 805

Authorizes the Dental Board of California to grant a license to an applicant who passes specified national examinations in dentistry and an examination in California Law and Ethics, meets certain education requirements, and has completed a clinically based advanced education program in general dentistry or an advanced education program in general practice residency, as specified.

SB 1472 Figueroa

Dentistry: Dental Hygienists

Vetoed

Would have extended the sunset date for the Dental Board of California to July 1, 2009, created the California Dental Hygiene Bureau, and established specific criteria for licensure by the Bureau of a registered dental hygienist, a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, or a registered dental hygienist in extended practice.

SB 1475 Business.

<u>Healing Arts – Dentists</u>

Enacted Chapter 659

Professions & Economic Development Committee

Makes non-substantive technical changes improving the clarity of existing statutes, providing technical cleanup to the Dental Board.

SB 1476 Figueroa

Professions and Vocations: Dental Board

Enacted Chapter 658

Enacts the sunset recommendations of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Consumer Protection for various boards, including extending the sunset dates and making other statutory changes.

SB 1541 Ducheny

Registered Dental Assistants: Licensure

Enacted Chapter 908

Provides that in order to be licensed by the Dental Board of California as a registered orthodontic assistant, registered surgery assistant, or registered restorative assistant a person must pass a written and practical exam and either complete a work experience pathway and meet certain educational requirements or specified courses.

(13) ELECTRONIC & APPLIANCE REPAIR

No bills introduced in the 2006 legislative session.

(14) ENGINEERS & LAND SURVEYORS

SB 1476 Figueroa

Professions and Vocations: Engineers: Sunset

Enacted Chapter 658

Enacts the sunset recommendations of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Consumer Protection for various boards, including extending the sunset dates and making other statutory changes.

SB 1849 Business, **Professions** & Economic

Committee

Professions and Vocations - Engineers

Enacted Chapter 760

Makes technical and clarifying updates to existing law within the Department of Consumer Affairs, as well as, the Department of Real **Development** Estate.

(15) PROFESSIONAL FIDUCIARIES

SB 1550 **Figueroa**

Professional Fiduciaries Act

Enacted Chapter 491

Establishes the Professional Fiduciaries Bureau in the Department of Consumer Affairs to license and regulate professional fiduciaries.

(16) GEOLOGISTS & GEOPHYSICISTS

No bills introduced in the 2006 legislative session.

(17) GUIDE DOGS

No bills introduced in the 2006 legislative session.

(18) HEARING AID DISPENSERS

No bills introduced in the 2006 legislative session.

(19) HOME FURNISHINGS & THERMAL INSULATION

SB 1849 Business,

<u>Professions and Vocations – Home Furnishings</u>

Enacted Chapter 760

Professions Makes & Economic Departr Development Estate.

Makes technical and clarifying updates to existing law within the Department of Consumer Affairs, as well as, the Department of Real

(20) LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

AB 2256
Business &
Professions
Committee

<u>Professions and Vocations – Landscape Architects</u>

Enacted Chapter 564

Provides that anyone who offers to perform professional landscape architect services, as specified, must be licensed by the Landscape Architects Technical Committee.

(21) MEDICINE

AB 1796 Bermudez

Physicians and Surgeons

Enacted Chapter 843

Requires a physician's and surgeon's certificate applicant to obtain a passing score on Step III of the United States Medical Licensing Examination within four attempts.

AB 2198 Houston

Health Care: Controlled Substances and Dangerous Drugs

Enacted Chapter 350

Replaces the obsolete Intractable Pain Treatment Act with statutes that address all types of pain and will more clearly delineate the duties of physicians and the authority of the Medical Board.

AB 2260 Negrete McLeod

Approvals and Certificates of Registration: Special Faculty Permits

Enacted Chapter 565

Makes various changes to the Medical Board's guest physician and special faculty permit program and prohibits a physician and surgeon from including a gag clause in a civil suit related to his or her practice.

AB 2283 Oropeza

Cultural Background and Foreign Language Proficiency

Enacted Chapter 612

Requires the Medical Board of California (Board) to annually aggregate and categorize by zip code, and publish on the Board's website,

information on licensed physicians' cultural background and foreign language proficiency.

AB 2342 Nakanishi

Voluntary Services: Malpractice Insurance

Enacted Chapter 276

Requires the Medical Board of California, in conjunction with the Health Professions Education Foundation, to study the issue of providing medical malpractice insurance to physicians and surgeons who provide voluntary unpaid services to indigent people in California.

AB 2360 Lieu

Medical Devices: Ultrasound

Vetoed

Would have prohibited the sale, lease, or distribution of ultrasound diagnostic imaging machines, with specified exceptions, until January 1, 2017.

SB 736 Speier

Healing Arts: Diagnostic Imaging Services

Failed in Assembly Appropriations Committee

Would have required the Medical Board to report licensees' financial interest information to the Legislature by January 1, 2008; and prohibited a physician and surgeon from billing a client or third party payor for computerized tomography, positron emission tomography, or magnetic resonance imaging services if the services were not actually performed by the physician, or within his/her practice.

SB 1232 Runner

Division of Licensing: Out-Of-State Physicians and Surgeons

Enacted Chapter 133

Makes clarifying and conforming changes to Business and Professions Code Section 2135.5, which provides an alternative to licensure for out-of-state and foreign physicians who do not qualify for licensure under Business and Professions Code Section 2135.

SB 1260 Ortiz

Reproductive Health and Research

Enacted Chapter 483

Deletes the January 1, 2005, deadline for the Department of Health Services' duty to develop guidelines for research involving the derivation or use of human embryonic stem cells in California and repeals the January 1, 2007, sunset date for all provisions associated with the project, requires a physician and surgeon to provide a patient with a written summary of health and consumer issues and obtain oral and written informed consent prior to providing ovarian stimulation to produce eggs for medical research, and prohibits any research subject from making money by producing oocytes for research and prohibits oocytes from being sold for valuable consideration.

SB 1423 Figueroa

Laser Procedures

Enacted Chapter873

Requires the Medical Board, in conjunction with the Board of Registered Nursing and in consultation with the Physician Assistant Committee, to review the issues and problems surrounding the use of laser or intense light pulse devices for elective cosmetic procedures by physicians and surgeons, nurses, and physician assistants, and by January 1, 2009, adopt regulations relating to that practice.

SB 1438 Figueroa **Healing Arts: Reporting Requirements**

Enacted Chapter 223

For the Medical Board, Osteopathic Medical Board and Podiatric Medical Board, provides technical cleanup to legislation that passed last year and provides greater clarity to already existing law.

SB 1638 Figueroa Midwifery Advisory Council

Enacted Chapter 536

Requires the Medical Board of California to create and appoint a Midwifery Advisory Council, and requires licensed midwives to provide to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development reports containing specified information regarding the births the midwife assisted in delivering during the prior year.

(22) NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

No bills introduced in the 2006 legislative session.

(23) OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

SB 1476 Figueroa Professions and Vocations: Occupational Therapy

Enacted Chapter 658

Enacts the sunset recommendations of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Consumer Protection for various boards, including extending the sunset dates and making other statutory changes.

(24) OFFICE OF PRIVACY PROTECTION

AB 2043
Banking &
Finance
Committee

Debt Collection: Business: Identity Theft

Enacted Chapter 521

Extends protections, such as temporary debt relief, given to consumer debtors who have been victims of identity theft to non-consumer debtors, such as firms, corporations, and other businesses.

AB 2251 Evans Reproductive Health Care Services: Confidentiality of Personal Information

Enacted Chapter 486

Prohibits any person, business or association from knowingly posting or displaying on the Internet specified personal information of providers, employees, volunteers, or patients of a reproductive health services facility.

AB 2291 Evans

Vehicles: Dealer: Data Security

Enacted Chapter 353

Requires auto manufacturers and others with access to information on an auto dealer's computer system to provide safeguards to protect that information when accessing, modifying, or extracting it.

AB 2333 Parra **Identity Theft: Fines**

Died on Senate Floor

Would have provided that every person who, with the intent to defraud,

acquires, or retains the personal identifying information of ten or more people is guilty of a crime and punishable by a \$1,000 fine, imprisonment in a county jail, or by both a fine and imprisonment, or by imprisonment in a state prison.

AB 2505 Nunez

California Information Security Response Team

Died on Senate Inactive File

Would have established the "California Information Response Team", consisting of specific members including the Chief of the Office of Privacy Protection and would have required that "substitute notice" consist of notification to major statewide media and the Office of Privacy Protection.

AB 2886 Frommer

Privacy/Identity Theft: Crime

Enacted Chapter 522

Provides harsher penalties for multiple, but subsequent, convictions of identity theft and establishes penalties for mail fraud, as specified.

AB 2956 Lieu

Identity Theft: Increased Fines

Died in Senate Public Safety Committee

Would have increased the fine for using a scanning device to commit identity theft from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and provided that any person with the intent to defraud acquires, conveys, sells, traffics, transfers, or retains possession of the personal identifying information of another person, would also be subject to that increased fine.

SB 202 Simitian

Privacy: Telephone Calling Pattern Record or List

Enacted Chapter 626

Prohibits purchasing or selling a telephone calling pattern record or list without the written consent of the subscriber.

SB 1068 Escutia

Telecommunications: Customer Protection

Failed in Assembly Utilities & Commerce Committee

Would have required the Public Utilities Commission to establish and enforce telephone consumer protection rules by July 1, 2006.

SB 1387 Poochigian

Personal Identifying Information

Died In Assembly Appropriations Committee

Would have redefined various identity theft terms, created a new crime; established fines, lengths of imprisonment for various identity theft crimes and created a misdemeanor or felony for violations of these provisions.

SB 1388 Poochigian

Unlawful Phishing: Identity Theft

Died on Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

Would have provided that engaging in unlawful phishing with the intent to defraud is a crime punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed one year or by both that fine and imprisonment, or by a fine not to exceed \$10,000, imprisonment in a state prison from 16 months to three years or by both that fine and imprisonment.

SB 1542 Migden

Vehicles: Key Information Access

Enacted Chapter 433

Establishes a secure set of procedures to allow vehicle owners to obtain replacement keys for their vehicles through a registered locksmith when specific information is needed to produce a replacement "smart key."

SB 1666 Bowen

Privacy: Pretexting Telephone Records

Died on Assembly Inactive File

Would have amended the definition of personal information to include telephone calling pattern records, prohibited a person from obtaining personal information through fraudulent means, as defined, and provided for remedies for a violation of this bill's provisions.

SB 1699 Bowen

Financial Transactions: Privacy

Enacted Chapter 682

Beginning January 1, 2009, makes it illegal for electronically printed receipts to display more than the last five digits of a person's debit or credit card number or the expiration date on any receipt retained by the retailer and either signed by the cardholder, or not signed because the cardholder used a personal identification number to complete the transaction.

(25) OPTOMETRY

AB 1382 Nakanishi

Prescription Lenses: "Plano" Contact Lenses

Enacted Chapter 148

Provides that it is a deceptive marketing practice for any individual or entity that sells "plano" contact lenses to represent that those lenses may be lawfully obtained without an eye examination or valid prescription, or may be dispensed to a purchaser without complying with specified requirements.

AB 2256 Business & Professions Committee

Professions and Vocations: Optometry Board

Enacted Chapter 564

Eliminates provisions that require an optometric corporation to obtain a certificate of registration from, and file specified reports with, the Board of Optometry.

SB 579 Aanestad

Optometry: Licenses: Advertisements

Enacted Chapter 302

Authorizes the Board of Optometry to issue licenses to individuals who are already licensed in another state and meet other specified requirements.

(26) OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

SB 736 Speier

Healing Arts: Diagnostic Imaging Services

Failed in Assembly Appropriations Committee

Would have required the Medical Board to report licensees' financial interest information to the Legislature by January 1, 2008; and prohibited a physician and surgeon from billing a client or third party payor for computerized tomography (CT), positron emission tomography (PET), or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) services if the services were not actually performed by the physician, or within his/her practice.

SB 1438 Figueroa

Healing Arts: Reporting Requirements

Enacted Chapter 223

For the Medical Board, Osteopathic Medical Board and Podiatric Medical Board, provides technical cleanup to legislation that passed last year and provides greater clarity to already existing law.

(27) PHARMACY

AB 21 Levine

Pharmacists: Practice Requirements

Failed in Senate Health

Would have allowed a pharmacist to refuse to dispense a prescription based on moral, ethical, or religious grounds, as specified.

Committee

AB 225 Negrete McLeod

Electronic Prescription Information

Enacted Chapter 698

Allows the provision of non-monetary remuneration, in the form of hardware, software, or information technology and training services, which is necessary and used solely to receive and transmit electronic prescription information in accordance with the standards set forth in federal law.

AB 2408 Nearete McLeod

Pharmacies

Enacted Chapter 777

Redefines various pharmacy terms, deletes provisions, establishes specific duties of pharmacists and reorganizes the Board of Pharmacy's provisions to provide greater clarity and extend pharmacists scope of practice to update their duties with current industry practices.

AB 2583 Nation

Refusal to Dispense Prescription Drugs and/or Devices

Enacted Chapter 487

Requires the California Board of Pharmacy to modify an existing consumer warning notice that is required to be posted in pharmacies regarding patients' rights to receive specific medications when an individual pharmacist in a pharmacy refuses to dispense based on moral, ethical or religious grounds.

SB 1475 Business.

Healing Arts – Pharmacy

Enacted Chapter 659

Professions & Economic Development Committee

Makes non-substantive technical changes improving the clarity of existing statutes, providing technical cleanup to the Board of Pharmacy.

(28) PHYSICAL THERAPY

AB 120 Cohn

Physical Therapy: Continuing Education

Enacted Chapter 540

Requires a licensed physical therapist or approved physical therapy assistant to complete continuing education and/or continuing competency requirements, as established by the Physical Therapy Board, in order to renew a license or approval.

AB 2868 Bogh

Physical Therapists

Enacted Chapter 222

Permits a licensed physical therapist with a Doctor in Physical Therapy degree, or another equivalent doctoral degree, as determined by the Board of Physical Therapy, to use the title "doctor" in written and spoken communication, provided the physical therapist specifies what field the degree is in.

SB 1476 Figueroa

Professions and Vocations: Physical Therapy

Enacted Chapter 658

Enacts the sunset recommendations of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Consumer Protection for various boards, including extending the sunset dates and making other statutory changes.

(29) PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

SB 1423 Figueroa

Laser Procedures

Enacted Chapter873

Requires the Medical Board, in conjunction with the Board of Registered Nursing and in consultation with the Physician Assistant Committee, to review the issues and problems surrounding the use of laser or intense light pulse devices for elective cosmetic procedures by physicians and surgeons, nurses, and physician assistants, and by January 1, 2009, adopt regulations relating to that practice.

(30) PODIATRIC MEDICINE

SB 1438 Figueroa

Healing Arts: Reporting Requirements

Enacted Chapter 223

For the Medical Board, Osteopathic Medical Board and Podiatric Medical Board, provides technical cleanup to legislation that passed last year and provides greater clarity to already existing law.

(31) PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

AB 827 Goldberg

Private Postsecondary Education: Consumer Credit Regulations

Enacted Chapter 815

Prohibits a private postsecondary or vocational institution that is subject to the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989 from failing to comply with specified federal requirements relating to the disclosure of information to students regarding consumer credit contracts.

AB 2069 Maze

Public Employment Applicant Qualifications

Vetoed

Would have provided that if a public agency establishes a job description or classification for a specific position that requires possession of a particular degree, that degree must be from an accredited or approved institution.

AB 2381 Dymally

Private Postsecondary Education Reform Act of 1989

Would have required an educational institution that willfully violates specified sections of the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act to refund all payments made by or on behalf of a student.

Died in Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee

AB 2810 Liu

Private Postsecondary Education

Vetoed

Would have extended the sunset date for the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989 and the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education for one year, to July 1, 2008.

SB 924 Speier

Driving Schools: Class A Commercial Driver's Licenses

Vetoed

Would have prohibited a truck driving school from reducing the wages of a trainee in order to recover the cost of training unless specified conditions are met, prohibited a truck driving school from advertising its training as free if a trainee is required to enter into specified agreements in order to receive the training, and specified requirements relating to behind-the-wheel instruction, the amount of instruction allowed within prescribed periods of time, and the provision of a rate schedule.

SB 1473 Figueroa

Private Postsecondary Education and Student Protection Act

Died in Senate Appropriations Committee

Would have repealed the existing Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989; enacted the Private Postsecondary Education and Student Protection Act; and retained and enhanced existing student protections (including the Student Tuition Recovery Fund), while streamlining the Bureau's approval and renewal process, by relying on approval from specified accreditation agencies.

SB 1568 Dunn

Law Schools and Law Degree Programs

Enacted Chapter 534

Shifts the regulatory and oversight responsibilities over unaccredited law schools from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education to the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California, effective January 1, 2008.

(32) PSYCHOLOGY

AB 733 Nation

Psychotherapists: Duty to Warn

Enacted Chapter 136

Provides that a psychotherapist is not monetarily liable or liable for a cause of action for exercising his or her duty to warn under limited circumstances.

AB 1852 Yee

<u>Licensed Mental Health Service Provider Education Program</u>

Enacted Chapter 557

Adds certain psychology post-doctoral students, marriage and family therapist interns and associate clinical social workers to the list of mental health service providers eligible to receive educational loan repayments from the Licensed Mental Health Service Provider Education Program.

AB 2257 Business & Professions Committee

Psychologists: Records Retention

Enacted Chapter 89

Requires psychologists to retain patients' records for at least seven years from the patients' discharge date and seven years from the date a minor patient turns eighteen and creates a new crime should this provision be violated.

SB 1475 Business, **Professions** & Economic **Development** Committee

Healing Arts – Psychology

Enacted Chapter 659

Makes non-substantive technical changes improving the clarity of existing statutes, providing technical cleanup to the Psychology Board.

(33) REGISTERED NURSING

SB 1423 **Figueroa**

Laser Procedures

Enacted Chapter873

Requires the Medical Board, in conjunction with the Board of Registered Nursing and in consultation with the Physician Assistant Committee, to review the issues and problems surrounding the use of laser or intense light pulse devices for elective cosmetic procedures by physicians and surgeons, nurses, and physician assistants, and by January 1, 2009, adopt regulations relating to that practice.

(34) RESPIRATORY CARE

No bills introduced in the 2006 legislative session.

(35) SECURITY & INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

AB 2318 Calderon

Repossessors

Enacted Chapter 418

This clean-up bill to the Collateral Recovery Act clarifies what items a repossessor is obligated to remove from a repossessed vehicle and allows for increased fines for a repossession agency when it fails to register a repossessor employed by that agency.

SB 1849 Business. **Professions** & Economic **Development** Estate.

Committee

Professions and Vocations - Security and Investigative Services

Enacted Chapter 760

Makes technical and clarifying updates to existing law within the Department of Consumer Affairs, as well as, the Department of Real

(36) SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY

SB 1285 Aanestad

Speech-Language Pathology

Enacted Chapter 153

Expands the scope of practice for a speech-language pathologist to include performing suctioning in connection with their existing scope of practice and after complying with medical facilities' training protocols on suctioning procedures.

SB 1475 Business. **Professions** & Economic

Committee

Healing Arts – Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Enacted Chapter 659

Makes non-substantive technical changes improving the clarity of existing statutes, providing technical cleanup to the Speech-Language **Development** Pathology & Audiology Board.

(37) STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL

AB 87 Bermudez

Trapping: License Exemptions

Enacted Chapter 406

Exempts structural pest control operators licensed by the Structural Pest Control Board and persons licensed by the Department of Pesticide Regulation from having to obtain a trapping license from the Department of Fish and Game when trapping specified mammals.

AB 2247 La Suer

Structural Pest Control

Died on Senate Floor

This bill, which only applies to San Diego County, would have required a notice of proposed action to be sent within 60 days of the initial notice of violation.

(38) SUNSET REVIEW

AB 2810 Liu

Private Postsecondary Education

Vetoed

Would have extended the sunset date for the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989 and the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education for one year, to July 1, 2008.

AB 2914 Leno

Limited Liability Partnerships: Architecture

Enacted Chapter 426

Among other things, extends the sunset date of January 1, 2007, for architecture limited liability partnerships (LLP) and foreign LLPs to January 1, 2012.

SB 1472 Figueroa

Dentistry: Dental Hygienists

Vetoed

Would have extended the sunset date for the Dental Board of California to July 1, 2009, created the California Dental Hygiene Bureau, and established specific criteria for licensure by the Bureau of a registered dental hygienist, a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice, or a registered dental hygienist in extended practice.

SB 1474 Figueroa

State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology

Enacted Chapter 253

Extends the sunset date of the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (Board) until July 1, 2008, and requires the Board to annually elect officers from among its members, each of whom would hold office for a term of one year.

SB 1476 Figueroa

Professions and Vocations: Sunset Review

Enacted Chapter 658

Enacts the sunset recommendations of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Consumer Protection for various boards, including extending the sunset dates and making other statutory changes.

(39) TELEPHONE MEDICAL ADVICE SERVICES

SB 1475 Business,

Healing Arts – Telephone Medical Advice Services

Enacted Chapter 659

Professions & Economic Committee

Makes non-substantive technical changes improving the clarity of existing statutes, providing technical cleanup to the Telephone Medical **Development** Advice Services Program.

(40) VETERINARY MEDICINE

AB 2915 Saldana

Veterinary Medicine: Licensure

Enacted Chapter 823

Exempts from veterinary licensure requirements veterinarians employed by a city, city and county, or county who meet specified criteria and who are conducting activities under direct supervision, related to pathology and epidemiology on dead animals as part of specified government programs.

(41) VOCATIONAL NURSING & PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS

SB 1475 Business, **Professions** & Economic Committee

Healing Arts – Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians

Enacted Chapter 659

Makes non-substantive technical changes improving the clarity of existing statutes, providing technical cleanup to the Telephone Medical **Development** Advice Services Program.